

The GP-MI State Membership Meeting - March 16 in Muskegon



This is the start of the meeting, in the MCC Blue and Gold room

We had a good turnout for the first State Membership Meeting of 2019, with forty-two members signing in at the door!

Here you'll find links to the meeting [Minutes](#), the [Packet materials](#), and a [video](#).

The single disappointment occurred early. Security was late in opening the doors. We were carrying equipment and materials and setting up when we expected to be registering attendants. Darryl Gibson filled several valuable roles. He planned to help with check in, but in the scramble after the late start with security, he took over completely. Below, you can see Darryl greeting Jessica Smith.



Darryl Gibson helps Jessica Smith with registration at the start of the meeting

This was the first time Muskegon has hosted the event. Muskegon Community College proved to be an excellent venue. Everything we required was available. The site was attractive and affordable. They posted our fliers on all the student bulletin boards and even worked us into some online Social Science lesson plans! You'll see a copy of our announcement below.



- Announcing -

The Green Party of Michigan will conduct its Spring Membership Meeting

on Saturday, March 16
In room Blue and Gold Room
From 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The public is welcome!

For more information, see: <http://migreenparty.org>

Or contact our local Green: Dan, (231) 206-9779

Please join us!

Bulletin board flier and graphic for online lesson plan

Another first: We conducted the meeting according to the [Consensus Model](#) we adopted at the Traverse City SMM last September. Rita Jacobs took a lead role in that. Rita chaired the elections of officers part of the meeting. Jim Becklund chaired the discussions and proposals part. Matt Crehan and Jessicia Smith served as 'Peace Keeper'. Darryl Gibson was Note Taker.

We live streamed the meeting using our accounts at YouTube and Periscope. We weren't successful at all with Periscope and the YouTube audio was difficult to hear. Regardless, several members followed events and voted remotely with phone texts.

We had a special guest! Presidential candidate Dario Hunter was with us from the start till the end of the meeting. He gave a very inspirational introduction into who he is and why he's working for the Green Party. Pictures of Dario Hunter can be seen below.



Presidential candidate Dario Hunter introduces himself at the SMM.



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It is noteworthy that we voted to create a new GP-MI officer role called Web Steward. That had been done at the February 2018 SMM in Grand Rapids, but that position was not formally filled by anyone. That office description was poorly worded, and it eventually just vanished from the by-laws. The new Web Steward position calls for two members to act together in office, and the job responsibilities are better described. The new officers are Jim Becklund and Roger Nye.

Two new committees were also established. These are the Handbook committee, chaired by Rita Jacobs and the Candidate Support committee, chaired by Jim Becklund.

All GP-MI officer positions were filled except for the two Locals Liaison At-Large offices. All officer candidates pledged to use their official GP-MI email accounts and to update their office profile information on our website.



Over forty GP-MI members attended the SMM in Muskegon!

Linda Manning Myatt, Art Myatt's widow, had donated his memorabilia, collected over the years of GP activity. Sherry A Wells presented the items free to interested members.



Sherry A Wells presented Art Myatt memorabilia, donated by his wife Linda Manning Myatt

In all, the Spring Membership Meeting and Election of Officers in Muskegon was productive and an exciting start to the new year.

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